

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new section heading and paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/JP01/10084, filed on November 19, 2001, and designating, *inter alia*, the United States, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Serial Numbers 2000-177786, 2001-145148 and 2001-205349, filed June 14, 2000, May 15, 2001 and July 5, 2001, respectively. --

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten section headings:

-- INDUSTRIAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to ferritic and ~~austenitic~~-martensitic stainless steels having improved ~~in~~-machinability by addition of nontoxic Cu. --

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION Description of Related Art --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The ferritic stainless steel has a basic composition ~~consisting of~~ comprising 0.001-1 mass % of C, Si up to 1.0 mass %, Mn up to 1.0 mass %, 15-30 mass % of Cr, Ni up to 0.60 mass %, 0.5-6.0 mass % of Cu and the balance being Fe except inevitable impurities. The martensitic stainless steel has a basic composition ~~consisting of~~ comprising 0.01-0.5 mass % of C, Si up to 1.0 mass %, Mn up to 1.0 mass %, 10-15 mass % of Cr, Ni up to 0.60 mass %, 0.5-6.0 mass % of Cu and the balance being Fe except inevitable impurities. --

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 3, line 5, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF
THE INVENTION--